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**PAYMENTS** 

1. ABUAH GROUP MET FOR ONLY ONE-HALF HOUR THIS MORNING,

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PERMITTING INTRODUCTION BY G-77 OF ITS PROPOSAL AND RESPONSES FROM CANADA AND UNITED STATES. CANADA (JEREMY KINSMAN) GAVE A HEATED INTERVENTION CRITICIZING THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK WHICH HAD RESULTED IN EMPTY CONFERENCE ROOMS EXCEPT FOR INTERPRETORS FOR MOST OF MONDAY AFTERNOON, ALL OF TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AND MUCH OF THIS MORNING'S SESSION. MORE MATTER-OF-FACTLY, HE ANALYZED G-77 PROPOSAL

AS ESSENTIALLY A REJECTION OF CANADA/US RESOLUTION. GIVEN THE TIME LEFT AND INEFFECTIVE PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATION, HE SUGGESTED THERE WOULD BE NO CHOICE BUT TO PUT THE PROPOSALS TO THE VOTE. U.S. STATEMENT FOLLOWED PROPOSING, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD BE TIME TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION, THAT THE FIRST FIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THE G-77 PROPOSAL BE ADOPTED WITH MODEST REVISIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE LAST FIVE PARAGRAPHS OF OUR RESOLUTION. G-77 TOOK UP THE PROPOSAL, SAYING IT BOILED DOWN TO ACCEPTANCE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL IN PLACE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS (B) AND (C) OF G-77 PROPOSAL. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED, TO BE RECONVENED AT 3:30 PM TODAY.

2. STATE OF PLAY: WE ARE TOLD BY G-77 SOURCES THAT THE G-77 WILL NOT ACCEPT CONVENING A CONFERENCE OR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IMPLIES THE SAME EVEN IF A DATE FOR THE DIPCON IS NOT SET AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, WE ARE GETTING CONFLICTING SIGNALS AND FRANKLY CANNOT PREDICT WITH CONFIDENCE AT THIS STAGE THE G-77 BOTTOM LINE. FRG REP KOCH HAS PRESSED THE VIEW ON US INFORMALLY THAT WE SHOULD ACCEPT CONFIRMATION OF THE WORKING GROUP WITH NO REFERENCE TO A DIPCON, WHICH IN PRACTICAL EFFECT, HE SAYS, WOULD ADVANCE WORK AT SAME RATE AS IF U.S. RESOLUTION WERE ACCEPTED. SUCH CONTINUATION WOULD BE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. KOCH UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES THAT OUR RESOLUTION WOULD LOSE IN A VOTE, AND, PROCEDURALLY, VOTING COULD POSE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN PLENARY DEPENDING UPON AMENDMENTS OFFERED. WHILE WE DO NOT NECESSARILY CONCUR IN HIS VIEWS, HE ADVANCES THEM WITH GREAT SINCERITY.

3. WE WILL PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FOLLOWING THIS AFTERNOON'S SESSION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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